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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 1645

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KEKKONEN UNEQUIVOCALLY STATES

FINNS WILL NOT WITHDRAW THEIR PEACE-KEEPING

FORCES FROM CYPRUS

REF: (A) STATE 181676 (B) HELSINKI 1462

1. AT MY MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH PRESIDENT  
KEKKONEN ON OTHER MATTERS, THE CYPRUS SITUATION  
INEVITABLY ALSO CAME UP.

2. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN FIRST OF ALL EXPRESSED HIS  
AND FINLAND'S SYMPATHY FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF  
AMBASSADOR DAVIES.

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3. AFTER DISCUSSING CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS IN A VERY GENERAL WAY, KEKKONEN TOLD ME THAT HE FELT THAT THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS WAS A VERY OLD AND DIFFICULT ONE WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, WILL TAKE QUITE SOME TIME TO SOLVE.

4. I CONVEYED TO KEKKONEN THE SIX POINTS OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT QUOTED IN REFTEL (A). HIS COMMENT WAS, "THOSE ARE WISE WORDS".

5. KEKKONEN THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS IN NEWSPAPERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD INDICATING THAT SOME GOVERNMENTS MAY BE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING THEIR CONTINGENTS OF PEACE-KEEPING FORCES FROM CYPRUS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THESE FORCES NO LONGER COULD PERFORM THEIR DUTIES, FINLAND WOULD NOT TAKE SUCH A STEP. KEKKONEN SAID THAT OF COURSE IT WAS TRUE THAT AT THIS POINT THE UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES WERE PERHAPS NOT ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES AS EXPECTED, AND MENTIONED THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FINNISH CONTINGENT WAS NOW CONCENTRATING ON ASSURING A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF WATER TO NICOSIA. HE THEN WENT ON TO STATE IN A VERY DEFINITE, EMPHATIC AND UNEQUIVOCAL FASHION THAT AS LONG AS THE UN SAYS THAT THE FINNISH PEACE-KEEPING FORCES ARE NEEDED, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED. KREHBIEL

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